

Abstract of the Disclosure

A portable telephone with an originator
acknowledge function includes an originator confirmation
button, response button, response mode controller,
display, channel controller, message sending unit, and
5 monitor. The response mode controller controls the
response mode to an originator confirmation mode in
which only reception is possible when the originator
confirmation button is operated, and controls the
response mode to a normal response mode in which both
10 transmission and reception are possible when the
response button is operated. The channel controller
activates the response mode controller and connects a
channel in the originator confirmation mode. The
message sending unit sends a first message prompting a
15 response of an originator to the channel when the
channel is connected in the originator confirmation mode.
The monitor outputs a speech signal of the originator
from the channel to a recipient via a receiver after the
first message is sent. The response mode controller
20 switches the response mode from the originator
confirmation mode to the normal response mode when the
response button is operated during the originator
confirmation mode.